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The Mail Wishes All It's Readers A Very Merry Christmas

SANTA CLAUS AT THE ELKS' CLUB

Good Natured Saint, With Brothers and Cousins, Distributes Treats

CHILDREN ARE MUCH PLEASED

Candy and Crackerjack Are Given And to Some Mysterious Packages Are Handed—Large Tree Proves Big Attraction.

Happiness was brought to the hearts of 2,500 to 2,700 children at the home of the Charleroi B. P. O. Elks Thursday afternoon by Santa Claus with some of his brothers and cousins who stopped off long enough on their hasty journey over this old world to distribute candy and presents to anxious, eager believers. In the center of the large club room on the first floor a huge Christmas tree, brilliantly festooned and lighted was the wonder of visitors.

Each child had a ticket grasped in a chubby fist this ticket entitling the holder to the most careful consideration at the hands of the smiling Santa Claus and his equally happy brothers and cousins. Each child received boxes of candy, crackerjack and packages of peanuts. To certain especially favored ones, who were guided in a slightly different direction from the majority, mysterious packages were given, containing—well containing something more useful than candy and something that will last longer.

The hours for distribution were from 3 until 5 o'clock. From the opening hour until late there was practically an unbroken string of children filing through. Quietly as they filed in they left by the rear door.

A special committee looked after the visitation of Santa Claus and saw to it that plenty of opportunity was afforded him for his work. The committee was composed of Joe T. S. Cowen, J. W. Mathias, O. B. Clutter, John Jenkins, W. O. Brinham, W. Patterson, William Darby, Jr., August Hancock, Hawkins Crawford and Howard Vernon.

Orchestra music was furnished during the afternoon by an orchestra of eight pieces from the American Federation of Labor. This served to enliven the occasion and to make it all the nicer and more enjoyed. Several packages were saved for those who were unable by reason of illness or some other reason to be present, and kindhearted persons will look after the continued distribution today. Teachers assisted in the work of distribution and aided generally.

For the benefit of those that did not get to do their Christmas shopping we will keep open tomorrow until 11 a. m. Taylors, 522 Fallowfield avenue, Charleroi. 163-t1—*

To get those nice gold glasses for the old folks for Xmas. Examination free by graduate optometrist. John B. Schafer. 164-tf—*



'Twas the night before Christmas, when all through the house
Not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse;
The stockings were hung by the chimney with care
In the hopes that St. Nicholas soon would be there;
The children were nestled all snug in their beds,
While visions of sugar plums danced through their heads.

PITT MEN IN VALLEY TO ORGANIZE A CLUB

Banquet and Meeting to be Held Here Next Tuesday at the Monier Hotel—Doss T. James Chairman of General Committee.

Plans are under way for the organization next Tuesday of a Pitt club of the Monongahela valley to take in members from Brownsville to Elzabeth. A banquet and meeting will be held here at the Monier hotel, at 8 o'clock. Addresses will be made by Dr. H. E. Friesel, dean of the dental school; Karl E. Davis, graduate manager of athletics; George Kirk, cheerleader of 1912 and now secretary of the Pitt Y. M. C. A.; James J. O'Conner, assistant director of the Mellon Institute; "Pat" Herron, second end on the All-American football eleven and probably "Bob" Peck, the famous All American center.

The organization will take in from 80 to 100 members, this being the number of students and alumni living between the two points in the valley. Various committees have been appointed to have charge of the arrangements for the banquet and meeting. Doss T. James is chairman of the general committee, with Dr. F. C. Stahlman a member also. The banquet committee consists of Roy James, William W. Booth and Shanor Blythe of Charleroi. The program committee is divided between Monessen and Brownsville.

There are at present twelve students from Charleroi attending Pitt as follows: Shanor Blythe, dental;

KNIGHTS TEMPLAR TO OBSERVE CHRISTMAS DAY WITH SERVICES

Out-of-Town Speakers to Make Addresses and Songs of Praise Will Be Sung.

Christmas will be observed tomorrow at 12 o'clock noon by McKean Commandery No. 80, Knights Templar at their rooms in the Masonic building. A special observation of the day, following the rites of the commandery will be carried out. Several out of town speakers will make addresses, and songs of praise will be sung. The officers and Sir Knights will participate in the exercises.

Our store will be open tomorrow until 11 a. m. Taylors, 522 Fallowfield avenue, Charleroi. 163-t1—*

Store closed all day Saturday, Christmas day, Berryman's. 162-t2—*

Complete line of Bath robes. R. O. Vetter. 159-t5

We carry a complete line of up-to-date nose glasses, rimless or frames, gold silver or aluminum, at the right price \$1.00 up. Examination free. John B. Schafer. 164-tf—*

Doss T. James, dental; Roy James, chemistry; Austin Stahlman, dental; John Lutes, economics; Duncan Berryman, economics; William Poundstone, pharmacy; Jacob Mitchell, medical; Paul Ternavsky, dental; Roy Carson, law; John Hugus, pre-medical; William W. Booth, economics.

AVOID KISSING TO PREVENT GRIP, ADVISES DOC DIXON

State Health Department Head Notes Alarming Increase of Dread Ailment in Pennsylvania

The death rate from the epidemic of "grip" now sweeping the state has been so alarmingly high that State Health Commissioner Samuel G. Dixon gave out a special interview on the subject Thursday night.

Commenting Commissioner Dixon said: "Shaking hands, kissing, getting too near the mouthpiece of telephones, putting the unwashed hands in the mouth or on foodstuffs, may all be means of transmitting the infection. Keep out of crowded places where possible."

NO ISSUE OF THE MAIL ON SATURDAY, CHRISTMAS DAY

Tomorrow being Christmas Day, and a holiday, no issue of the Mail will be published.

National Erector Contest ends Jan. 1, 1916. Now Boys! Hurry! Berryman's 159-tf

Large line of men's suits \$1.00 to \$5. R. O. Vetter. 159-t5.

Store open till noon tomorrow, Kirk and Clark. 163-t1

BLACK HAND GANG IS BLAMED FOR BAD FIRE

Five Houses Destroyed at Rices Landing, and Indications Point to Incendiarism—Mafia Supposed to be Angered at Woman.

A fire which is supposed to be the work of the black hand gang occurred Thursday morning at an early hour at Rices Landing and five residences, the property of H. P. Dilworth of Pittsburgh, were totally destroyed. The loss is placed at \$5,000. Mrs. Andonetta O'Ross, the occupant of the house where the fire originated, jumped from the second story window in her night clothes. A bone in the wrist was fractured.

Mrs. O'Ross had been active in the prosecution of Black Hand cases from Rices Landing and this gave the officers a clue.

MAIL FORCE PLEASANTLY REMEMBERED BY REV. BURSON

The employees of the Mail this morning were tendered a pleasant surprise when Rev. John R. Burson, pastor of the Washington Avenue Presbyterian church left a package marked "Mail." Upon opening, the package proved to be a large box of chocolates of the finest sort, presented with all the compliments of the season.

Store open till noon tomorrow, Kirk and Clark. 163-t1

Store closed all day Saturday, Christmas day, Berryman's. 162-t2—*

CHRISTMAS TO BE A TRUE HOLIDAY

Praise Services to be Held On What Should be Notable Day of Celebration

CHURCHES ARRANGE PROGRAMS

Music to be Feature as Well as Appropriate Sermons on Sunday—Treats to be Distributed by Practically All Sunday Schools.

Christmas day tomorrow will be observed in Charleroi as a true holiday and the celebration will continue over Sunday with appropriate services in the churches. Praise services will be held very generally, with a thankful devout spirit characterizing them all, due to the realization that this will be one of the best Christmas periods in years in America. Shopping has about been finished. There has been much buying, so every heart will be made glad tomorrow morning. The weather man is none too kind in his predictions, but the Christmas spirit will pervade in spite of that.

The Christmas observance at the churches will be featured by special music and special sermons. Perhaps the most elaborate observance will be that at St. Jerome's Catholic church, Rev. W. D. Fries, pastor and Rev. B. N. Axmacher, assistant pastor, will conduct masses. Treats will be distributed at various churches at various times, but at most of them the treat will be given tonight. The following are the church announcements for tomorrow and Sunday:

Washington Avenue Presbyterian
The annual treat will be distributed tonight. A musical program will be given Sunday evening. Sunday services as follows: Sabbath school at 9:45. Preaching at 11. Sermon, "Bethlehem In Our Hearts" Junior Christian Endeavor at 2:30. Leader, Miss Mildred Snyder. Senior Christian Endeavor at 6:30. Topic, "How to Keep on the Up Grade." Leader, Mrs. William Gelder. At 7:30 the musical program, "Yuletide in Sacred Song and Story" will be given. Strangers and those without a church home are cordially invited to worship with us. Rev. John R. Burson, pastor.

Methodist Episcopal.
An entertainment will be held tonight by the Sunday school and the annual treat given. Sunday morning at 10:30 the cantata, "In Excelsis" Hall will be rendered by the choir, augmented for the occasion, under direction of A. H. Bosson. Evening service at 7:30, with appropriate sermon by the pastor. Christmas morning at 6:30, a sunrise prayer meeting will be conducted by John O. Martin. Dr. W. G. Mead, pastor.

St. Jerome's Catholic.
First mass, a high mass at 8 o'clock. Other masses at 6, 7, 8, 9 and 9:30 o'clock with the last a high mass. Continued on page 2.

J. K. Toner, Pres. S. A. Walton, Vice Pres. R. H. Bush, Cashier

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ANOTHER MILESTONE

Before another issue of the Mail reaches its readers the Christmas holiday will have come and gone. The glad Yuletide which chronicles the birth of the Son of Man who was destined to become the savior of all Christendom is a momentous period. Coming as it does when all Nature is at its worst in this part of the world, when the days are shortest and the nights longest, when the out-door bleakness is most depressing to the human spirit, it brings hope, cheer, peace and good will. With this spirit abroad all the world is akin, and the cause of universal brotherhood has advanced another step.

The spread of the Christmas spirit throughout the world is, and ever has been, the most hopeful manifestation of the teachings of the great Nazarene. "Peace on earth, good will to men" is a most significant utterance the sentiment of which is pronounced, and the meaning of which is intense. The sequence to the Golden Rule, it contains a sublime teaching to which all men should hearken.

It is a repetition of such great truths at this season of the year that brings to his senses of duty. Each succeeding Christmas marks a milestone in the upward progress of mankind and gives additional cause for rejoicing and reverence for this great festival of Christmas.

SAFE OR SORRY

"Fire prevention leaves no aftermath of regret. A house of merriment is better than a house of mourning." These are the texts upon which hangs a warning that may well be pondered and followed by every one, says the Uniontown Herald. This warning is issued in the hope of reducing the sad side of the holidays to the minimum. It is not seeking to cast gloom over the holiday season, but to prevent gloom from accompanying the celebration. Here are the warnings for the home:

Do not decorate your Christmas tree with paper, cotton or any other inflammable material. Use metallic tinsel and other non-inflammable decorations only, and set the tree securely so that the children in reaching for things cannot tip it over.

Do not use cotton to represent snow. If you must have snow use asbestos. Do not permit children to light or relight the candles while parents are not present. They frequently set fire to their clothing instead. Do not leave matches within reach of children at holiday time. Candles are meant to be lighted, and if the children can get matches they will experiment with them. They imitate their elders. Do not allow fires to remain inside buildings after the holidays. The tree itself ignites readily when needles have become dry. A large number of fires usually occur in January from this cause.

Some times a kind word goes a great ways and in your Christmas giving it might not go amiss to give a word of such nature. The holiday is usually given in for looks and much pleasure of his country from deeds or misdeeds might appreciate it a lot to have you hunt him up Christmas day simply to say a word well to him. The same with all. There is too much disposition to forget to look for the good in the greatest of our people. Christmas should be the day when you show your love to the poor for a time.

Donors had a difficult lesson. The worst few towns receive in material

fire protection and if we understand the true spirit of that progressive community, it will take the lesson to heart and profit by it. Donora needs a motor fire truck. The old-fashioned hand apparatus or the kind of apparatus drawn by horses if horses are available when needed, is entirely outdated and won't do any longer. If a town is to keep pace with progress and is to maintain much desired low insurance rates, it must have the most up-to-date approved equipment obtainable for fire fighting. An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure, as Donora may well consider.

Inflammable Teddy might be able to tinker with the peaceful tariff, providing he had plenty of capable Republican help, but in the precarious position American occupies in the affairs of nations today, it is doubtful if he would be a good man for the country's biggest job. Republicans realize this, and it will take a hard fight for the famous Oyster Bay ex-president to win honors or the nomination. There is better timber available than he and it won't take much searching to find it.

MARRIED AT WELLSBURG DURING THE LAST WEEK

The marriage of Miss Mary Walker and William McGinty of Charleroi took place on Wednesday at Wellsburg, W. Va. The couple left unawares to their friends and the ceremony was performed by Rev. Leopold Hermanns, of the Wellsburg Roman Catholic church.

EXECUTORS NOTICE.

Estate of Eugenie Aigrisse late of the Borough of Charleroi, Washington County, Pennsylvania, Deceased.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed Executor of the above named estate and all persons indebted to said estate are requested to make prompt payment and those having claims to present the same without delay to Gerard Aigrisse, Executor, Maumee, Ohio. D-24-31-J-7-14-21-28

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MRS. CHESTER HANCOCK ENTERTAINS AT 500 PARTY

Mrs. Chester Hancock, at her home on Fallowfield avenue Thursday afternoon was the hostess at a handsomely appointed 500 party. The Christmas idea was carried out in the decorations and a large Christmas tree occupied a prominent place in the decorations. A three course luncheon was served by the hostess. Much merriment was occasioned by the exchanging of gifts.

Sweaters, Toques, Sweaters, Vests. R. O. Vetter. 159-45

ATTORNEY MYERS UNDER EMBEZZLEMENT CHARGE

Attorney H. R. Myers of Washington, an assemblyman is under accusation of embezzlement, being charged by Charles Miller, of Beallsville, a wealthy land owner with embezzlement of \$4,560 held by Myers in trust in the shape of bonds to secure a note given Miller by Isaac W. Semans, coal operator and associate of J. V. Thompson at Uniontown.

Boys Take Notice.

To correct error in our add on Erector Toys, the great national contest ends Jan. 1, 1916. Please tell all boys that have Erector Outfits sold by J. W. Berryman and Son, Charleroi. 159-4f

Traveling cases, \$1.25 to \$10.00. R. O. Vetter. 159-45

Electric Sparks

It seems some traveling salesmen never learn that other people have to work.

Why is it that always when you are busiest some fellow comes in who invariably has to have you repeat answers twice to his questions?

Some men live up to promises, but their promises aren't high.

CHRISTMAS TO BE A TRUE HOLIDAY

(Continued from page one.)

mass. The children will sing at the 6 o'clock mass. Special music at the masses at 5, 6 and 9:30 o'clock, with Mrs. Bertha Kleist organist and Edward Wheeler, director. Sermons at the 5, 6 and 9:30 masses by celebrants. Rev. B. N. Axmacher will be in charge of the first three masses and Rev. W. D. Fries will be in charge of the last three. No afternoon or evening services. Rev. W. D. Fries, pastor, Rev. B. N. Axmacher, assistant pastor. French Presbyterian.

The Sunday school of the French Presbyterian church will hold a Christmas service composed of songs and recitations by the children on Christmas day at 7 p. m. The church has been nicely decorated and a fine tree has been set up and a supper prepared for the children.

The church expects a visit Sunday of Rev. Herri Anet, pastor of a church in Belgium. He is a prominent man in that country, well known by many of the Belgians in Charleroi and having recently left Belgium his visit here will be most interesting. He will speak at the Sunday evening service at 7 p. m. and will likely speak also on Monday at 7:30 p. m. Rev. J. E. Charles, Ph. D., pastor.

Christ Lutheran.

An early Christmas service will be held Christmas morning at 6:30 o'clock. On Sunday the services will be as follows: Sunday school at 9:45. Preaching services at 11. Subject of sermon, "The Consolation of Israel." Junior league at 2:30 p. m. Senior league at 6:45. Vesper services with sermon at 7:30. Subject, "What is Mah." C. P. Bastian, pastor. St. Mary's Episcopal.

The Christmas services at St. Mary's Episcopal church will be held on Christmas day, the Sunday following and on Holy Innocents' day. The service on Christmas day will include morning prayer and holy communion at 10 o'clock with special appropriate music directed by Mrs. C. Brounwich. Sunday morning prayer with Christmas sermon at 11 a. m. and evensong and sermon at 7:30. The children's Christmas festival will be held on Holy Innocents day, the 28th at 7:30 p. m. There will be songs by the children, recitations, a Christmas tree and a distribution of the treat and gifts to the children. Everyone is cordially invited to attend these services.

First Christian.

Fallowfield avenue near Sixth street. Last Lord's Day in the old year. Bible school at 9:45. Election of officers and Christmas treat. Lord's supper and preaching at 10:50. Subjects, "The Deceitess," Y. P. S. C. E. at 6:30. Subject, "Keeping on the Up-Grade." Leader, Miss Harriet Watkinson. Evening worship at 7:30. The last Sunday service in the old year. Subject, "Our Prison Bars Limitations." Last prayer meeting of the year at 7:30. Subject, "Living One Day at a Time." All strangers to our city and those without a church home are cordially invited to attend the services of our church. Rev. E. N. Duty pastor.

First Presbyterian.

Sunday school at 9:45. Morning worship at 11. Subject "The Nativity of Our Lord." Junior C. E. at 2:30. Teacher training at 6:30. Senior C. E. at 7. Evening worship at 7:30. Subject, "The Great Commitment." Prayer meeting Wednesday at 7:30. You are cordially invited. A. J. Whipkey, pastor. Baptist.

The annual distribution of gifts to the smaller children will take place tonight from 7 to 8 o'clock. Sunday services as usual. Sunday school at 9:45. Morning worship at 11. B. P. F. U. at 6:30. Evening worship at 7:30. Rev. W. G. Carl pastor.

The Toys For the Boy.

Erector and Model Builders Outlets. 50c to \$7.50 per set. Kirk and Clark. 162-12

PICKED UP IN PASSING

We were with a crowd of people, a fact that there is a movement on foot in this country to pass laws preventing tinsel artists, also the tinsel or gaudy variety of barbers from eating onions, says Rev. K. H. H. in an exchange. This is a long story in the right direction. There is a movement to pass a law that should be adopted by the nation.

One—No barber shall take a shave of a fine cut or plug during the course



A Merry Christmas

To All of You
From All of Us

Christmas may be rightly termed the "Birthday of the World," and on this joyous occasion we extend to all our friends and customers and everyone in Charleroi and community, our sincerest wishes for a bright and joyous holiday. Of all the gifts, none is so precious as friendship, and it is our earnest hope that in the future, we shall be capable of making this store of increasing value to the people of this community, so that the band of friendship between our customers and ourselves will be constantly strengthened, and our circle of friends ever growing large..

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Charleroi, Pa.

of a shave without offering the customer one.

Two—No barber shall turn around and talk to a friend who is waiting, and in the meantime slice off the nose, ear or chin of the shaver or any other feature of any importance.

Three—No barber shall spring any ancient and honorable gag such as "Did you ever hear a keyring?" while shaving a customer as the latter's uproarious laughter is liable to bring him in violent contact with the razor and he may feel all cut up about it.

Four—The customer's mouth must not be used as a temporary receptacle for lather to be scooped out a little at a time as the barber needs it.

Five—Barbers shall not get the

"Police Gazette" all mused up and torn before the customers have a chance to read the pictures. This rule shall be imperative.

Six—No barber shall tell a customer the same story that the customer told him the week before. Prize fight, race track and baseball gossip shall be strictly tabooed.

Seven—No barber shall turn a man's head while shaving by gasping him by the nose and shutting off his supply of ozone for more than ten minutes at a time.

Gertrude's mother pays much attention to the language used by her little girl and always corrects any error of speech which she hears the child make.

After she had reproved the child recently, Gertrude replied: "But I heard you use slang, mother."

"Indeed?" "Yes, I did. Up in your room the other day I heard you say, 'Where in the dickens did I put the rest of my hair?'"

Give him Gloves—Fownes make. \$1.00 to \$2.50. R. O. Vetter. 159-15

Sleds! Sleds!! Sleds!!! Another big shipment just in—fine steering sleds \$1.00 to \$1.50. Kirk & Clark. 162-12

Store open till noon tomorrow, Kirk and Clark. 163-11

We Invite

FATHER, MOTHER, BROTHER, SISTER and the CHILDREN

To Become Members of the

Charleroi Savings & Trust Co. Christmas Savings Club

We want the whole Family to have the Merriest Christmas it has ever known. Every one from Father down to the Baby can easily carry a Membership in one or more classes. Each will receive a Check a couple of weeks before Christmas, and all will have money to buy presents and other things that go to make up the festivities.

Make It a Family Affair
Let Everyone Be a Member

Members starting with 5 cents and increasing five cents each week for fifty weeks, get	Members starting with 2 cents and increasing two cents each week for fifty weeks, get	Members starting with one cent and increasing one cent each week for fifty weeks, get	Members paying 25 cents a week fixed, for fifty weeks, get
\$63.75 With Interest	\$25.50 With Interest	\$12.75 With Interest	\$12.50 With Interest
Members starting with \$2.50 and decreasing five cents each week for fifty weeks, get	Members starting with \$1.00 and decreasing two cents each week for fifty weeks, get	Members starting with 50 cents and decreasing one cent each week for fifty weeks, get	Members paying 50 cents a week fixed, for fifty weeks, get
\$63.75 With Interest	\$25.50 With Interest	\$12.75 With Interest	\$25.00 With Interest
Members starting with \$1.00 and decreasing one cent each week for fifty weeks, get	Members starting with 50 cents and decreasing one cent each week for fifty weeks, get	Members starting with 25 cents and decreasing one cent each week for fifty weeks, get	Members paying \$1.00 a week fixed, for fifty weeks, get
\$12.75 With Interest	\$12.75 With Interest	\$12.75 With Interest	\$50.00 With Interest

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Mrs. Thomas Christopher, 117 Lookout avenue, Charleroi, says: "One of the family did a lot of heavy lifting and strained his kidneys. He suffered severely from a dull, heavy ache across his back and he got so bad that he couldn't work. He was treated by doctors and tried various medicines, but didn't get much relief. The kidney secretions were discolored and caused much annoyance. The first few doses of Doan's Kidney Pills brought him relief and one box cured him."

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Bits of Byplay

By Luke McLuke

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Paw Knows Everything.
Willie—Paw, can I ask a question?
Paw—Yes, my son. What is it?
Willie—Could you say that a stepple chamber is a high chamberman?
Paw—That will be enough out of you, young man. You get to bed.

Ouch!
The coal man is a stubborn cuss. I called him down today. But I cannot catch a hint of the error of his ways.

The Wise Fool.
"No man can serve two masters," quoted the sage.
"Oh, I don't know," replied the fool. "When he has a wife and a baby he is compelled to serve two masters."

Wuff!
A dog named Bore. Once said to me. "Let me alone and I will bite you."

Mean Brute!
"Why do you men always object to a woman having the last word?" demanded Mrs. Gabb.

"The great objection is that she also demands about 99 per cent of the rest of the conversation," growled Mr. Gabb.

Ain't It the Truth?
Life with most men is one long round of spending health in getting wealth, and when the wealth at last is found They spend the wealth in getting health.

Going to Extremes.
"Could you say," queries Luke McLuke, "that a woman is going to extremes just because she visits a chiropodist and then calls on the laundryman?" Maybe so, Luke, maybe so, but what about the brave boy who hot-foots it to keep some guy from knocking his block off?—Arkansas Democrat.

No Joke.
"Cows that roam will always come home." Is a proverb true and clever. But I'll say right here that it's different with the steer.
For the bull goes on forever —Joe.

Well, Well!
Dear Luke—Louis Root, a conductor on the Henderson route, has named his son Henderson Root.—M. R. J.

O, O, O, O!
A fellow who thought he was Y Y Y Y, Used words of tremendous S I I I I. Every chance he could C C C C C. He'd find some one to T T T T. And he did it with L E E E.
—J. C. Heckelman.

Did Your Head Ever Feel Like a Derby Hat?

Mayor Jacob Deitz fined himself \$5 and costs for contempt Wednesday morning, when he found he had sat through his session of police court with his hat on.—Sandusky (O.) Cor. Findlay (O.) Republican.

Advice.
Don't keep folks waiting for their dough; Go pay your debts today. Man wants but little here below. But wants it right away.

Mool!
Dear Luke—Fix up a stall in the club for Cowan Horn of Minerva, W. Va.—Chappy Mack

Betcha!
Dear Luke—Would a jeweler make a good watchman?—P. D. Q.

Things to Worry About.
There are 24,000 kinds of butterflies

Names Is Names.
Noah Zark lives at Bridgeport, Ill.

Our Daily Special.
You'll never get up in the world if you wait for the elevator.

Luke McLuke Says:
Some men are so busy looking for little faults in their neighbors that they overlook a lot of big faults in themselves.

Skirts shaped like tents are in style, and it is once more a hard matter to tell how much of a girl is girl and how much is dry goods.

Things are getting around to a point where a woman is liable to rap you on the jaw if you intimate that she is effeminate.

A lot of men seemed to have trained their consciences to speak only when they are spoken to.

The poet who announced that beauty is only skin deep evidently lived in the old days when a girl didn't wear two inches of enamel on her face.

The wireless is butting into almost everything else. But we will always be satisfied to do our own kissing in the old fashioned way.

The idea that all women are built on a different plan causes most of the trouble in this world.

The law says that there is such a thing as reasonable doubt. But, just the same, it is safer to frisk yourself for hairpins and blond hairs before you go home to friend wife.

As soon as the country boy learns to chew tobacco and smoke cigarettes and play pool the rest of the community knows that he is going to end his days in the penitentiary.

Methuselah gets credit for being the oldest human being. But that is because you can't get a chorus girl to rest up to her right age.

WHEN THE AMATEURS APPEAR

Another Good Story Added to the Many That Are Told About These Enamored of Stage.

The anecdotes told at the expense of amateur players are innumerable, and of course of varying degrees, both of truthfulness and of drollery. Another is added to the list by some students, who ambitiously undertook to play "Hamlet" for the benefit of a charity. The man who was to act the part of Horatio was extremely timid, and when the night of the performance came he was so overcome by stage-fright that he could hardly remember the lines he had so carefully studied. During the scene where Horatio and Marcellus tell Hamlet of the appearance of the spirit of his father, and the prince asks "Stayed it long?" "While one with moderate haste might tell a hundred," Horatio managed to stumble out, but so confusedly that Marcellus forgot his cue and instead of rejoicing "Longer, longer," stood staring at Horatio. The prompter, with a view to helping out Marcellus, began to whisper from the wings, "Longer, longer." Unfortunately Horatio, having lost all control of himself, was inspired with the idea that the man playing Marcellus was looking at him because he had made an error, and that the words from the wing were addressed to him. With a great effort he straightened himself up, cleared his burning throat, and said, loudly: "While one with moderate haste might tell two hundred then."

MADE BY HIS ENVIRONMENT

Contact With the Sea Has Imparted Sternness to the New England Character.

In winter the sea is no joke, remarks the Boston Globe. It quickly knocks sentimentalizers over it out of the sentimentalizer. He had better stop ashore. It is bleak, angry and cruel. Yet one wonders if the men of New England would have been the heroes they have been without that stern discipline.

On a day when the wind roars out of the east through skies of clear blue when spray spouts half the height of lighthouse towers; when fishing schooners scurry under jib and trysal—then to stand on the deck of a coasting steamer and watch the huge rolls of solid green water bulge and fill the vessel up over their shoulders; to feel the vessel plunge and bury how in a smother of foam; rise again; sit at the clouds; tremble, wallow and lift to meet the next; to see the shore dimly, dashed into a golden haze of flying spray; to hear the hiss of foam and swash of bow wave—that is to get a glimpse into something which has gone into the making of New England what New England is.

That is to get an inkling of the coastwise wisdom of the coastwise.

Blissful Depravity.

In a border southern town lives an elderly negro carpenter who is locally distinguished for his use of large words and his abiding fear of his wife who is big, impressive and dominating. In this town a trio of young professional men keep bachelor quarters.

Not long ago one of the three called the darkey in to do some small repairing.

"Boss," inquired the old man, in the midst of his work, "does you want gent'mens live heah in total depravity of de feminine sex?"

"We do," was the answer.

From the bottom of his henpecked soul the old darkey fetched up a long, deep, sincere sigh.

"Well, suh," he said, "ef I was you is, I should suttinly remain so."

Artificial Pearls.

Large artificial pearls have been made by filling thin glass bulbs with solution of fish scale nacre and then are very clever imitations. An easy way to detect them is to note the spot where the bulb was sealed. Lying gang has now made artificial pearls by another method. The glass bulb is coated on the inside with ten per cent gelatin solution, allowed to dry only partially and then a small amount of sodium phosphate added and the coming dried very slowly. The iridescence is an optical phenomenon caused by minute wrinkles, parallel, formed on the gelatin.—Scientific American.

Making Electric Rain.

A new scheme for artificially producing rain is to be tried out in Australia, where there are large sections of land that would be valuable for agricultural purposes if sufficient moisture could be insured, says the Scientific American. A captive balloon to a height of 6,000 to 7,000 feet and anchored in the path of prevailing wind will be used to discharge electricity into the atmosphere; and it is hoped thus to cause sufficient ionization to provide nuclei upon which the moisture of the clouds will condense.

Lotteries in Early Days.

As early as 1721 lotteries were common in the colony of New York that an act of the assembly was passed to prevent lotteries there. The ruling didn't bar the lotteries, as, after that, they were not only permitted but sometimes authorized by official acts. In 1793, with funds for the erection of public buildings in Washington running low, the commissioners in the District of Columbia organized a lottery to raise \$350,000 for the improvements of the Federal City, as it was called at that time.

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POSITION AS LURE TO GIRLS

Girl Without a Future Can Understand
Readily Why Some Marry
Without Love.

Some people cannot understand how a girl can marry a man she doesn't love. Olive Higgins Prouty writes in the American Magazine. She can do it more easily than she can stay at home, watch half her friends marry, and feel herself slowly ossifying into something worthless and unessential. It takes more courage to sit quietly, wait for what may never come, and observe without misgiving the man you might have had making some other woman's life happy and complete.

I couldn't go on living in guest-rooms forever. I was tired of traveling, sick to death of leading a life that meant nothing to anybody but Dandy (her dog). As a debutante I had had a distinct mission—whether worthy or unworthy, isn't the point in question—worked for it hard, schemed, devised and succeeded. As Mrs. Breckenridge Sewall, again I could accomplish results. Many women marry simply because they cannot endure an arid and purposeless future.

Some people think that a girl who marries for position is hard and calculating. Why, I entered into my engagement in the exalted mood of a martyr! I didn't feel hard, I felt self-sacrificing, like a girl in royal circles whose marriage may distinguish herself and her people to such an extent that the mere question of her own personal feelings is of small importance. The more I considered marrying Breck the more convinced I became that it was the best thing I could do.

With my position placed upon my brow, like a king his crown, freed at last from all the mean and besmirching tricks of acquiring social distinction, I could grow and expand. When I looked ahead and saw myself one day mistress of Grassmere, the London house, the grand mansion in New York—wise and careful monitor of the Sewall millions, gracious hostess, kind ruler—I felt as nearly religious as ever before in my life. I meant to do good with my wealth and position and influence. Is that hard and calculating?

Same Old Canine.

Little Willie—Say, maw, have they got a dog over at Deacon Smith's?
Mamma—Not that I know of, dear; but why do you ask?
Little Willie—Cause when I was over there yesterday I heard Mrs. Smith tell the cook to rush the growl-er as soon as the coast was clear.

An Old Philanthropy.
That there is such an institution as "The General Society of Mechanics and Tradesmen of the City of New York" will probably be news to the majority of the people who read of the bequest of \$1,800,000 to it in the will of the late Amos F. Eno. Yet it has been doing a good work in this city ever since 1785, and this splendid addition to its resources will be the means of extending activities long shown by experience to meet real needs. Its evening classes in drawing, modeling, architecture, industrial electricity, etc., are attended by more than 2,000 students; and it is said that there is a waiting list of an equal number. Such a bequest is a reminder at once of the grand scale on which charitable and educational gifts are made in this country in our time, and of the great number and variety of institutions devoted to beneficent objects, many of them seldom in the public eye, that are being maintained by private endowment.—New York Post.

Concrete vs. Salt Water.
A series of time tests to determine the action of salt water upon different grades of concrete has recently been completed in Boston. Five years ago, 24 concrete piers were sunk into the waters of Charleston bay. These piers were 16 feet long and as many inches square in order that a large surface might be available for the action of the salt water.

Last month they were taken up for inspection. One was practically in perfect condition. One was almost completely severed near the middle by the erosion of the water, and others showed signs of disintegration. Each specimen represented a different formula for producing concrete. The result of this test will be of practical value in future construction of sea walls, breakwaters and other concrete work exposed to salt water.

Foreboding.
George Ade is in great demand as best man at weddings.

At a recent wedding breakfast in Chicago Mr. Ade said in the course of a toast:

"I have often been asked why I never married. I came very near marrying once. The girl was beautiful, and I sat down at my typewriter one night to propose to her in a passionate love poem. The first line of this poem ended with 'cupid.' I made a thorough search, but I found that the only word that rhymes with 'cupid' is 'stupid.' This made me hesitate," Mr. Ade concluded, "and I've hesitated ever since."

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AMONG THE THEATRES

COYLE—CHARLEROI

In Carmen, with Geraldine Farrar, Manager Coyle at the Coyle theatre this week presented one of his best shows in a week of unusually good attractions. In point of artistic merit it was a triumph. There were other attractions that were almost as good drawing cards. On the coming Saturday there will be a Paramount attraction shown, "The Still Waters," with Marguerite Clark in the starring role. The coming week Manager Coyle had good offerings booked, beginning with Monday when Robert Mantell will be presented in the Fox drama, "The Unfaithful Wife." On Tuesday Mary Pickford will be seen at the Coyle in the famous production, "Madam Butterfly." In this Miss Pickford is at her best, and as she is perhaps the most popular actress today of the moving picture drama, an immense crowd is anticipated. On Wednesday the feature will be Mary Miles Minter in "Barbara Frietchie," a five part production and on Tuesday the drama, "The Mummy and the Humming Bird" will be the leading attraction.

PALACE—CHARLEROI

There were features in vaudeville

and in moving pictures of a kind worth while at the Palace theatre this week. Manager Barnhart presented the first half of the week the following vaudeville bill: Billy F. Edward and Co., with three people in their drama, "The Circumstances Changed," Vy Lynn, character impersonator of the famous Charley Chaplin and Irwin and Merricks in a singing, comedy and dancing act. The last half of the week he is presenting Frank and Kitty Hagan, in a singing and dance act, Marcelle, the female impersonator and Lester Mitchell and Co., with three people presenting the dramatic comedy, "The Turning Point." In the moving picture program on Monday a three part feature was "A Model's Advantages," featuring a Broadway Star film. Tuesday the production was "The Mystery of the Mountains," in three parts, and on Wednesday was shown the three-part film "A Model Wife." Manager Barnhart is planning an extensive program of vaudeville and moving picture productions the coming week and keen anticipation is felt in the program.

MAJESTIC—CHARLEROI

In five parts the production, "Mary's Lamb" proved an exceptionally interesting attraction Monday evening among the several of this week's features at the Majestic theatre. This same night the program was replete with rich and entertaining features. Tuesday evening the Majestic program was one of merit, the Big Four attraction, with Edwin Arnold being seen in the leading role was "Eagles' Nest," in five parts. The Mutual film, "The Seventh Moon," with Ernest Glendenning and Winifred Kingston in the stellar roles was a Wednesday presentation of considerable merit. A contemporary picture was a chapter from "Neal of the Navy," the interesting and entertaining continued story being related a chapter a week at the Majestic. Thursday's big feature was the Blue Ribbon Vitagraph film, "The Dust of Egypt" in seven parts with Antonio Moreno and Edith Storey in the chief characterizations. On Christmas day the Majestic management is promising a surprise of a nature that will be interesting. Good films are bills for next week.

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READ THE MAIL

SANTA'S MISTAKE

By E. Leslie Dainty

(The following story was written expressly for the Mail by E. Leslie Dainty, a promising young author of Charleroi. The story represents one of Mr. Dainty's first efforts in short story writing and is particularly timely treating of a Christmas theme.)

"Do your Christmas shopping early."

For the third time in as many days Alice Clendaniel read the annual holiday admonition appearing on the third page of The Charleroi Mail. And for perhaps the tenth time, her pretty face clouded. For with Christmas three days distant, she had but two days more in which to select her gift to Roger Fenton, who was leaving Sunday morning for Brazil, where he had accepted a position as overseer of his uncle's plantation. And he would not return for a year.

Alice wondered what the year might have in store for them. She feared Roger could not be wholly immune to the charms of the dark-eyed, passionate Brazilian maidens, into whose society he must surely be thrown, and for whose comeliness she entertained a healthy respect. Would he forget her. Secretly she prayed he would not. And this was why she had not decided upon what she should present him. A black traveling bag, temptingly displayed in one of the shops on the avenue caught her fancy. Dividing her attention, however, was the beautiful brush brass smoking set, she had glimpsed on her way to Madge Willard's tea. Yet she could decide on neither. She reasoned the one would be thrust into a far corner, after its initial trip across the water, and she could not assure herself the other would be welcomed in still somewhat primitive South America.

During the evening meal she sought her Mother's advice.

"Saturday is Christmas, Mother, and I haven't seen anything I should like to give to Roger. What do you think would be proper?"

"He might appreciate a pair of slippers or a good book," answered Mrs. Clendaniel.

"Oh, Mumsie, you are so old-fashioned," chided Alice, affectionately.

"Get him a fur cap," laughingly interrupted brother Jack, then added, "I suspect he is going south to escape Leap Year."

Alice flushed and was silent.

Christmas eve found her still in the throes of indecision. The near-conclusion of her shopping tour found everyone provided for but Roger. Dropping into one of the least crowded shops off the avenue, she timidly asked to be shown their gift suggestions for men.

"Something like this would be very appropriate for one who is accustomed to travel," volunteered the sympathetic clerk, as he unrolled a neat plush-lined leather traveling set.

Alice stared. The very thing. Why had she not thought of it before. Her blue eyes sparkled with pleasure as she noted separately each silvered article, the military brushes reposing in the center, surrounded by the lesser satellites which must daily be of essential use to him.

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"But the color," she objected, "he has never liked brown since the day Balstons big brown car killed Spot."

"We can duplicate the same article in black," proffered the clerk.

"Then you may wrap it up," she replied, "Please put it in a holiday box—with this," and she extended a neatly engraved Christmas card.

Oblongingly, the clerk arranged her parcel, inserting the card, and tying it with the conventional holly twine. Alice departed in a much lighter frame of mind.

Christmas day dragged interminably long to her, doubly so since Roger had declined her invitation to dinner. At two the expressman drew up at the door and deposited, amidst a flurry of snow and good wishes, the white fox set she had admired over a month before. He had remembered. Abruptly, she buried her face in the soft warmth of the fur, and wondered if he would always remember.

Roger did not arrive until eight.

"Had to spend the day with the folks," he explained, "but I'm mighty glad to be here with you, little girl, on my last night in the States," and he playfully kissed her pouting lips.

Reassured, Alice led him to the cozy warmth of the glowing logs, and escorted him in his favorite chair.

"Now you must close your eyes," she commanded, and as he obeyed, pressed her gift into his hand.

What did Santa bring for me," he queried, as he undid the twine, and then disclosed to their mutually astonished gaze a handsome ivory manicure set, such as a lady might be proud to possess.

"Why—er—what," he stammered, confusedly.

A light dawned upon Ruth. The clerk had neglected to compare the two sets in exchanging them. Truly feminine, she sought refuge in tears.

Divining the mistake, Roger took her in his arms. How sweet and child-like she appeared.

"There, there," he soothed, "you shall forward it to me at Norfolk."

But Alice refused to be comforted.

"And you are going away tomorrow," she sobbed, "I shall not see you again for ever so long. I was so long picking it out, and I so wanted to please you tonight."

Rogers pulse quickened. A look of determination crept over his face.

"Dearest, do you really wish to please me?" he asked then continued, "Do you remember how Jesus Christ gave his life as a gift to the world?"

Alice, for my Christmas gift tonight I want, most of all, a life. I want you. Will you not go with me? I can delay my departure a few days. It shall be our honeymoon. And we shall attend the services at the beautiful cathedral of San Isidro. Answer me, Darling, will you?"

And gazing down into her eyes. Roger read his answer.

"I—I want to—please you," she faltered as her lips met his.

"Darling," he confided, at length, "had you not seemed so very near and dear to me tonight, crying, with your pretty head upon my shoulder, I might never have summoned courage to ask you to make the sacrifice of leaving home."

Alice, radiantly happy in his arms, blessed Santa for his stupidity.



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Every preparation has been made to care for the largest crowd ever in this big store—the busy man and woman who could not come sooner will find here assortments of most suitable articles for gift purposes. We've prepared our stocks fully expecting the biggest business ever done by this store. The last Rush is on—plenty of extra help—stocks clean and inviting—yes, it is never too late at this store. Come when you can and we'll supply your needs.

LINENS AND BED SPREADS

Last days are busy ones and these will interest you and save you money.

\$1.00 ALL LINEN DAMASKS

This is the old price on table linen—Better buy now.

\$1.50 ALL LINEN DAMASK

This is our heaviest and best Damask and just the thing for Christmas giving.

\$2.00 MERCERIZED TABLE CLOTHS

These come in pretty design.

TABLE CLOTHS AND NAPKINS TO MATCH

\$4.00, \$5.00, \$6.00, \$7.50, \$10, \$12.50 \$15

BED SPREADS

to suit every want—\$1.00, \$1.50, \$2.00, \$2.50, \$3.00, \$3.50, \$4.00 and \$5.00.

PLAIN-CUT COVERS

Fringed or scalloped doilies, center pieces, scarfs and squares.

CHRISTMAS UMBRELLAS

They have borrowed your umbrella long enough—fix that habit today. Buy an Umbrella and present it for Christmas. That's the only to fix the borrowing habit.

MEN'S AND WOMEN'S UMBRELLAS

in all the grades with a fine assortment of handles but for Christmas we commend our special values at \$2.00, \$2.50, \$3.00, \$3.50, and \$5.00

BOOKS

It would not be Christmas without books—We have the right kind of books for boys and girls—also for the little children at 10c, 25c, and 50c.

REPRINTS

These are all copies of books that formerly sold at \$1.35 to \$1.50.

All popular reprints of our best known books. Price 50c
Over 150 different subjects—buy your Buy your books today. Big assortment.

BIBLES

We also can furnish some splendid values in Bibles.
Pelonbet's Notes, special 85c

CHILDREN'S POSTER BOOKS

with the poster stamp 10c

MEN'S WOMEN'S AND CHILDREN'S UNDERWEAR

It has been a remarkable winter for Underwear and we have been fairly successful in filling all wants. Now comes Christmas, and don't forget that a warm body makes a warm heart—who are you going to remember. Look around.

Fleeced vests and pants for children each 25c

Fleeced Union suits for children, each 50c

Fleeced vests and pants for ladies, 25c

Fleeced Union suits for Ladies 50c

100 DOLLAR UNION SUITS

At this price we show three different makes and in a lot of different shapes—all good.

CHILDREN'S ROB-ROY VESTS AND PANTS

Fine wool woolen vests for baby.

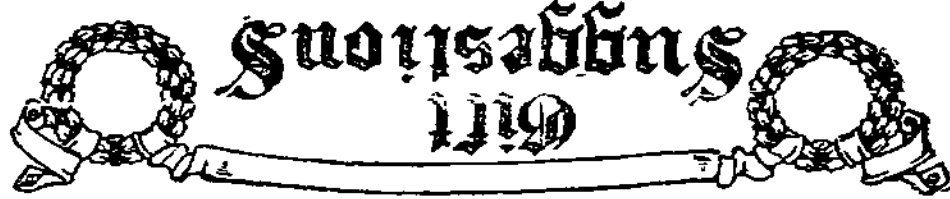
WOMEN'S \$1.00 SILK HOSE

We have still a big stock of Kayser Silk Hose in several of the best grades.

Our popular Silk Hose sell at \$1.00

Kayser Silk Hose at \$1.50 and \$2.00

Lavender Top Onyx Hose 50c



Ladies' bath robes & slippers
Ladies' plush coats
Ladies' furs
Misses' & children's furs
Children's winter coats
Children's winter dresses
Ladies' silk dresses
Ladies' dressing sacques & kimono
Ladies' lingerie waists
Ladies' fancy silk and chiffon waists
Ladies' tailor made suits
Down comfortables
Fine wool blankets
Beautiful baby comforts
Baby hoods and caps
Baby dresses, sacques, booties
Girls toques, tams and scarfs
Old fashioned wool shawls
Knitted sweaters and hoods
White aprons
Night gowns and skirts
Brassiers and corset covers
Silk stockings
Wool stockings
Mittens, gloves, veils
Toilet cases and manicure sets
Ladies' neckwear, ruffs
Marabout muffs and scarfs
Middy ties, middy waists
Kid gloves, silk gloves
Handkerchiefs, linen, swiss, crepe de chene
Stamped linens—doilies, squares
Cushions, cords, curtains
China, vases, bric a brac
Ladies' and children's umbrellas
Leather bags, jewel cases
Sewing baskets, sweet grass baskets
Hemstitched pillow cases and bolsters
Silks and dress goods



THE CROWDS SURGE TO TOYLAND

Our big bright booming Toyland Basement has surely caught the crowd—little ones and big have been pleased. We still have a wonderful assortment of Iron Toys, Trains, Games, Moving Picture Machines, Erector Outfits, Dolls, Tool Chests, Umakem Outfits, Doll Beds, Dishes and hundreds of things of interest to children.

COME HERE FOR TOYS

Big values in Toys, Sleds, Blackboards, Lead Soldiers, Books, Handkerchiefs, Children's Rockers \$1.00, 1.50 and 2.00. This big store is keeping right on the jump—and will stay here ready to serve you until late Friday night. It is never too late. Come here we will find you something. This store has enjoyed a wonderful Christmas trade. We thank you heartily and wish one and all a Merry Christmas.

CHRISTMAS IN READY-TO WEAR

We can hardly conceive of any gift that would carry more joy and comfort than a nice new winter Coat or Suit.

Ladies' and Misses' tailor-made suits About 40 suits that go now at a big reduction and they are so new and stylish they are suits to please. Prices cut to \$10.00, \$12.50 and \$15.

Ladies', Misses' and Children's Coats are selling very fast and we give a Christmas Reduction on all these coats except plush—big line of Children's and Junior Coats.

Plush Coats of right quality, plush has advanced awfully—all on hand will go at old prices.

NEW SILK PETTICOATS

Just received a new lot of petticoats at \$2.00, \$3.50, \$4.00, and \$5.00

FURS

It is fur time—better come today. Ladies', Misses' and Children's Furs

DOWN COMFORTS AND BLANKETS

It's Blanket Time at Christmas time and you would be surprised how many people prefer to give good Blankets.

We recommend our old reliable line of all-wool Blankets at \$4.00, \$5.00, \$6.00 to \$8.00.

Just arrived in time for Christmas

DOWN COMFORTS

Very pretty covers at \$7.50 and \$8.00.

Very pretty Comforts at \$2.00 \$2.50, \$3.00, \$3.50 and \$4.00.

Beautiful Comforts for Baby's Christmas at \$1.50.

WORK TOYS FOR BOYS

Erector—Umakem—Manual Training Sets

ERECTOR is the Boy's greatest Toy—Its like structural steel and wonderful prizes are offered the boy making best model—These sets run \$1.00, \$2.00, \$3.00, \$5.00, \$7.50 and \$10.

UMAKEM

that is you make them yourself—a fine saw holder with which you can design and easily saw out in wood many interesting and unmatching things.

MANUAL TRAINING SETS.

all intended for the beginner in manual training school. All sorts of tools in fine chest, \$1.75 to \$2.50.

TRAINS

Trains—the kind of wind up trains that every boy likes—the best engines produced—Prices for engines and trains, \$1.00, \$1.50, \$1.75, \$2.00 and \$2.50.

THE CENTIMERI GLOVE

Keep on coming for gloves. Buy them for Christmas—if you don't know the size, instruct not to try them on and we will give the correct size.

OUR CAPITAL REAL LAMBKIN GLOVES

Black, white and tan \$1.25

OUR FLORINE REAL KID SKINS

Black, white and colors, our best glove,

THE SCHOENHUT

Have you seen it? It is all wood—it is very beautiful. The children love them—the best thing out in dolls—can do most everything but talk. Prices \$3.00, \$3.50, \$4.00 and \$4.50.

LEATHER GOODS

Just received another shipment of Leather goods—Hand Bags and Purse—Special values at 50c, \$1.00, \$1.50, \$2.00, \$2.50 to \$5.00.

CLASSIFIED

FOR RENT—Front room suitable for two gentlemen. Inquire 636 Ma-l. 153-tf

FOR RENT—Two furnished front rooms for light housekeeping. Inquire 636 Mail. 153-tf

WANTED—Middle aged man for all around work. Apply Elks club. 159-tf

LOST—Amethyst brooch on Tuesday. Reward if returned to 656 Mail. 162-42

WANTED—Board and room for single gentleman. "M" Mail office. 163-t2p

FOUND—Fraternity pin. Owner may have same by identifying property at Might's Book Store. 16312

PERSONALS

Store open till noon tomorrow, Kirk and Clark. 163-t1

Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Wickerham and son Warren motored to Washington Thursday.

Miss Edith Hazlett, a teacher in the Pittsburg schools is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Hazlett of Sixth street.

Miss Emma Shortall has returned from Oakmont where she visited with relatives.

Regis Bord of Pittsburg visited with friends in Charleroi Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Carey and daughter Thelma left Friday for New Brighton, where they will visit with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Carey.

Mr. and Mrs. Herman Hotz, daughter Martha and nephew Herman have gone to Duquesne to spend Christmas with the former's mother Mrs. Josephine Hotz.

Miss Violet Lutes, a teacher in the Rankin schools is spending the Christmas vacation with her mother Mrs. Mary Lutes of Meadow avenue.

Store open till noon tomorrow, Kirk and Clark. 168-t1

Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Courtright of Dravosburg will spend Christmas with the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Hazlett of Sixth street.

Boys the Erector Prize Contest ends Jan. 1, 1916. Don't fail to get right to work. We made an error in other add. Get Erector Outfit at Berrymans, Charleroi. 169-tf

Mr. and Mrs. Willis J. McCook went to Pittsburg where they will visit over Christmas with Mr. McCook's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Willis McCook of Fifth avenue.

Mrs. Anna Waltz and Mrs. Josephine Mykitta of Wilksburg are guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Heupel of Lincoln avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Lutes and children of Donora are visiting with the latter's parents Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Greenwald of Prospect avenue.

D. N. Hall and children have gone to Verona where they will spend Christmas with Mr. Hall's sisters.

Miss Frances Hill of Scenery Hill visited in Charleroi Thursday.

Mrs. Harold Baer of Brownsville was the guest of Mrs. Chester Hancock of Fallowfield avenue Thursday.

William Lambert and daughter Alvera spent Thursday in Pittsburg.

William Brounce was a caller in Donora Friday.

Nellie Hersche of Lincoln avenue will spend a week in Morgantown, W. Va., visiting friends.

Mr. and Mrs. William McBride and family have gone to Beaver Falls where they will visit over Christmas.

B. C. Sloan and son Sam and Master Porter Jones of Cartersville, Ga., are visiting at the home of the former's brother, T. P. Sloan, of North Charleroi.

Miss Marian Haines and Miss Halie Risbeck are at home from Indiana Normal where they attended school.

James Wagner is at home from State College to visit during the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Wagner of McKean avenue.

Roy S. Sharpnack of Rice's Landing is here for a few days visit with his brother.

Store open till noon tomorrow, Kirk and Clark. 163-t1

Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Lewis are leaving for Morgantown, W. Va., to visit over Christmas with Mrs. Lewis' mother.

Never Too Late.

National Erector Contest ends Jan. 1, 1916. Now Boys! Hurry! Berrymans. 159-tf

Suits Cleaned \$1.00. K. O. Votaw.

AND YET THERE IS TIME--COME TODAY

STORE CLOSED ALL DAY SATURDAY, CHRISTMAS DAY

J.W. BERRYMAN & SON